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REMARKS

In response to the restriction r, applicants elect claims 4, 39 and 48 of Group III, without traverse. In response to the double patenting rejection, the cancellation of claims 1, 2, 31, 32, 35-37, 44-46, 53 and 54, which was originally requested in the Preliminary Amendment on page 2 of the Continuing (1.53(b) Utility Patent Application Transmittal filed November 5, 2001, has been repeated.

Withdrawal of the restriction requirement and the double patenting rejection is respectfully requested.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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